

Although he has left us too soon, the impact of Judge Alan Rosenfield's life will not soon be forgotten. Our communities are safer and our lives richer because of the life and service of Judge Rosenfield. We will continue to keep the Rosenfield family in our prayers, and we are thankful that our community was blessed enough to have Alan as a leader in the justice system.

TRIBUTE TO JEAN MCCOWN ON
HER RETIREMENT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jean McCown, her career in public service, and as Associate Vice President of Government Affairs at Stanford University. Jean is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Boalt Hall Law School. Before joining Stanford in 2004, she was a partner at the law firm of Ritchey Fisher Whitman & Klein, where she focused on land use, environmental and real estate matters.

Jean was a member of the Palo Alto City Council from 1990 to 1998 and served as mayor in 1993. She previously served on the Palo Alto Planning Commission and on regional transportation committees including the CalTrain Joint Powers Board and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Jean McCown served on the board of the Greenbelt Alliance for many years and is now a board member of the Palo Alto Community Foundation and Alta, formerly the Palo Alto Housing Corporation.

The honors she has earned include the John W. Gardner Leadership Award in 1994 from American Leadership Forum Silicon Valley, and the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce Athena Award in 2004.

As Associate Vice President within the Office of Government Affairs at Stanford, Jean McCown focused on the University's government and community affairs efforts and initiatives at the city, county and state level. She maintained relationships with community-based organizations, government officials, local businesses and citizens to support effective communication and dialogue within the Stanford community and between Stanford and its neighbors. While at Stanford she provided strategic leadership for the Searsville Watershed Restoration project and provided strategic guidance for the Middle Plaza Housing Project in Menlo Park. She helped build supportive relationships with the Palo Alto Unified School District and secured the fire services contract between Stanford and the Palo Alto Fire Department. Jean led multiple General Use Permit negotiations with Santa Clara County, provided strategic guidance for the Hospitals Renewal projects for the Stanford adult and children's hospitals, and helped spearhead the Palo Alto Mayfield agreement creating new public playing fields and housing for the City.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring Jean McCown for her extraordinary work and in wishing her every blessing in her well-deserved retirement.

HOMETOWN HERO—JEWISH
COMMUNITY CENTER OF DALLAS

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Jewish Community Center of Dallas, which has gone above and beyond to better our community.

The JCC's mission is to bring the North Texas Jewish community together with their incredible facilities and programs, however they have done so much more than that.

Each year, the JCC provides over 18,000 hot meals to North Texan seniors, regardless of race or religion. As the pandemic loomed, the JCC's resolve was unwavering. They continued their senior meal service with an innovative drive-thru feature to keep seniors safe and well fed.

The Jewish Community Center's compassion and service to its community should serve as an inspiration to all North Texans. I thank the JCC for going above and beyond to ensure North Texas is a brighter place to live every single day.

PASSAGE OF H.R. 7667, THE FOOD
AND DRUG AMENDMENTS OF 2022

HON. PRAMILA JAYAPAL

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Ms. JAYAPAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today on the passage of H.R. 7667 the "Food and Drug Amendments of 2022." Though I am grateful for many of the provisions in this bipartisan legislation, I have strong concerns that this bill does not go far enough to protect the American people—both patients and their doctors. This reauthorization, only occurring every five years, is one of our greatest opportunities to hold the pharmaceutical industry accountable and to the highest standards possible to ensure access and protection for patients across the country.

Typically, this routine reauthorization of user fees is coupled with incentives directed toward the pharmaceutical and medical device industry. With each reauthorization to date, we have seen the increased adoption of expedited review pathways leaving patients and their doctors more uncertain that FDA approved treatments are truly effective or safe. Often, these new pathways that hasten FDA's regulatory review are coupled with financial incentives including exclusivity periods that prolong high monopoly prices such that the American public is paying more for less. Last year's controversial approval of the Alzheimer's disease drug, aducanumab (Aduhelm) laid bare this reality when the FDA approved this drug under the accelerated approval pathway despite harms including brain bleeding and swelling as well as uncertain clinical benefit. This shifted the focus of this year's user fee reauthorization efforts away from shortening FDA review times for new health technologies to reforms to reinstate public trust into FDA's approval process.

FDA's accelerated approval pathway can be an important way for promising drugs to reach patients. But pharmaceutical corporations

have largely failed to uphold their end of the bargain of completing critical studies to confirm that these drugs are truly beneficial. Instead, accelerated approval is being used by Big Pharma to drive further profits at the expense of patient safety and Medicare spending. Although H.R. 7667 would allow for greater FDA oversight of the accelerated approval pathway, this bill should have included much stronger reforms for accelerated-approval drugs.

This bill should have made sure that FDA publicly engages with their advisory committees instead of industry sponsors behind closed doors. Recent studies have found that FDA has convened these independent experts less frequently—between 2010 and 2021, FDA went from hearing these groups for 55 percent of approved drugs to just 6 percent. Transparency is paramount to ensuring trust in our government institutions. We should codify that meetings are made public and nothing should obscure a patient's ability to see how and why a therapeutic approval was granted.

Moreover, the bill should ensure that lower standards of evidence cannot be accepted to approve a drug. Clarification is needed to ensure that Real World Evidence (RWE) is appropriately used to augment the post-approval studies that prove therapies approved are truly effective and research has shown that RWE has demonstrated promise for complementing clinical trials but not replacing them. When it comes to the safety of our constituents, we must ensure that speedy access does not eclipse safety.

A recent study published in JAMA Health Forum explored how much Medicare and Medicaid spend on drugs granted accelerated approval by the FDA both before and after the drug's clinical benefit is confirmed. The study found that for the 38 drugs granted accelerated approval by the FDA between 2012 and 2017:

CMS spent almost \$70 billion through 2020 on these drugs;

just over \$50 billion (75 percent) was spent after the accelerated approval drugs were converted to standard approval following completion of their required confirmatory trials; but

almost 60 percent (\$40 billion) of this spending was for drugs with confirmatory trials evaluating surrogate endpoints instead of assessing meaningful clinical endpoints demonstrating the effect of these drugs on how patients feel, function, or survive.

In addition, this bill should squarely place patient safety at its core and mandate the automatic withdrawal of drugs, preliminarily approved under accelerated approval, that fail to prove efficacy. Not explicitly mandating that approval should expire one year after any target date of study completion, and in no case later than five years after the product is approved unless certain criteria relative to post approval studies are achieved, is a significant concession to the pharmaceutical industry that puts patients and payers at risk of prolonged medical and financial harms. There should be no barriers to removing a drug that at best is ineffective and at worst dangerous.

Another troubling inclusion in the approved measure are additional provisions that would empower a sponsor company to request a meeting with the FDA Commissioner, a public comment period followed by responses by the agency, and a convening of the advisory committee to review the agency's request for withdrawal, wasting precious time. Rather, the

Secretary should have the power to convene and consult an advisory committee if the review is needed, not if it is mandated by the sponsor company. Given current FDA resources and staffing constraints, providing due notice with an explanation for the proposed withdrawal is sufficient. There should be no delay in protecting the health and safety of patients.

We must ensure that the expedited therapeutic review process is transparent and fair—not a revolving door between the agency and industry. As of 2020, we have spent over \$40 billion in taxpayer dollars for drugs that never demonstrated benefit, all to line the pockets of pharmaceutical corporations. This is another example of why further reforms are needed to ensure we are protecting our constituents across the country and being thoughtful arbiters of this reauthorization, which will define patient access and safety for the next five years.

I am glad to see the bipartisan efforts achieved in the passage of H.R. 7667, but I do not believe this should be the last word on accelerated approval. I want to officially submit my concern that this bill does not go far enough to protect patients from unnecessary risk of exposure to unproven, ineffective, and potentially dangerous therapies. I hope to continue working with my colleagues to ensure the correct balance is struck between timely and safe access to therapies needed in the final passage of a bi-cameral reauthorization.

HONORING SHELTON GIBBS III,
THE MINISTER OF GREENVILLE
AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST
(GACC) IN RICHARDSON, TEXAS,
ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Mr. GOODEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Shelton Gibbs III, the minister of Greenville Avenue Church of Christ (GACC) in Richardson, Texas, on his retirement. During his 53 years of service, Brother Gibbs passionately dedicated himself to his community, always putting the needs of his neighbors, his congregation, and his family before his own.

Brother Gibbs followed in the footsteps of his late father, Dr. S.T.W. Gibbs, Jr., who served as the Stop Six Church of Christ minister for over 50 years. He is also the grandson of both the late S.T.W. Gibbs, Sr. and C.C. Morgan, two great pioneer preachers. In Brother Gibbs' 40 years of service to GACC, the congregation has grown from 140 members to over 2000. The Gibbs family tradition of faithful service to the church of Christ is an example to us all.

In the early 1970s, Brother Gibbs' ministry brought him from Illinois to Texas. He served in various roles at Southwestern Christian College, including his current position on the Development Board of Lifeline Chaplaincy and founding the school's Guardian Plan. Brother Gibbs' commitment to fostering the next generation of leaders at Southwestern Christian College was evident to the entire staff and student body.

Brother Gibbs began preaching 53 years ago and enthusiastically demonstrated his love

for God and his congregation at several churches around the State of Texas, including Clarksville, Mineral Wells, Abilene, and Edgewood. His evangelistic work was not limited solely to the United States; his passion for growing the church led Brother Gibbs on campaigns in Jamaica and Ghana.

Brother Gibbs is retiring as minister of GACC after 40 dedicated years. His wife of 50 years, Jeanette Gibbs, their four children, and ten beautiful grandchildren have been his greatest support system throughout his service at GACC, and I wish them all the best.

I applaud Brother Shelton Gibbs III for his commitment to serving the congregation of Greenville Avenue Church of Christ.

HOMETOWN HERO—FUSION CORPS

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Fusion Corps, Cistercian Preparatory School's Robotics Team from Irving, Texas for their incredible accomplishment earlier this year.

The Fusion Corps won the top prize in the FIRST® Robotics Competition World Championship in Houston, Texas, which featured 456 teams from 12 countries and 43 U.S. states.

Since 1991, this competition has tested students from across the world on who can build the best industrialized robot. This group of young North Texas minds proved to the world that our community harbors the kind of unmatched talent and innovation it takes to be the best.

Fusion Corps' robot, Resilience, was a testament to the many challenges the team overcame to bring home their school's first-ever world championship. Despite many setbacks and limited resources, the students' passion and dedication brought them success.

I thank Fusion Corps for representing our North Texan community well on the global stage. They have made us all back home incredibly proud.

IN RECOGNITION OF WHIPP'S DINING AND BANQUET HALL 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of Eddie Whipp's Dining and Banquet Hall. Over the past 100 years, the Whipp Family has provided exceptional service to the people of Green Bay and throughout the State of Wisconsin.

What was once known as a church and horse stable in the 1800s, is now known as the incredibly successful Whipp's Dining and Banquet Hall. Established in 1922, Joe (Wypizinski) Whipp began operating a saloon where many men, mostly farmers from throughout Northeast Wisconsin, would stop on their way home from a hard day's work.

Joe Whipp would run the tavern for nearly 18 years until his eldest son, Eddie, took over. In 1944, Eddie married his wife Dorothy and they would continue to build their team and serve their customers seven days a week, from 8:00 am to 2:00 am. I commend the hard work and dedication that has resulted in the lasting growth and success for Whipp's Dining Hall over 100 years.

As the years passed by, Eddie Whipp's remained one of the most popular venues in the Green Bay area. In 1947, the first wedding reception was held in the basement and the dance hall would soon become home to regular polka bands in the 1950s. One of Whipp's most popular menu items today, the Friday Fish Fry, was prepared by Dorothy Whipp in her home kitchen attached to the business in 1947. I applaud The Whipp Family's focus on high-quality service and innovation that has led to consistent customer satisfaction since 1922.

Today, Eddie Whipp's Dining and Banquet Hall continues to operate as a family business and that family has grown exponentially. In the small community of Poland, regulars have said that Whipp's is more than just a supper club, it is a staple in the community. Some of Whipp's regulars have been frequenting the establishment for over 50 years. Now in 2022, the fourth generation of the Whipp Family is running restaurant operations. Bridget Peters is the great-granddaughter of the original founder of the business and, Joe Whipp, who has carried on the mission of providing quality services and products to customers that began 100 years ago in 1922. For the past 100 years, Whipp's has become known for their Friday Night Fish Fry's, homemade Chicken Dinners on Sunday and Wednesday nights, and their reception hall for weddings and other special events.

I invite all members of this body to join me in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Eddie Whipp's Dining and Banquet Hall. I extend my sincere congratulations to the Whipp family and team for this outstanding milestone and wish them success for years to come.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.